

Grab your shades, hiking stick, and camera, and get ready to explore nature trails, historic places, and scenic views in the footsteps of Project SISU! During the summer of 2013, Project SISU made possible by the National Park Foundation's America's Best Idea Grant, helped kids discover their own backyard—the Keweenaw Peninsula. Participants spent at least one day each week exploring historic sites, state parks, community events, and nature preserves, all while recording their observations and perspectives. This map highlights some of the areas they thought you would find interesting and fun. For a complete listing of all Keweenaw National Historical Park locations and Keweenaw Heritage Sites, pick up a copy of the park newspaper, *The Keweenaw Guide*.

Sisu is a Finnish word that, loosely translated, means grit, fortitude, and strength, introduced by Finnish immigrants in the 19th century; the term has been adopted by the Copper Country as a local identifier, signifying a pride earned through perseverance. Project SISU was intended to help area youth find sisu in themselves, each other, and their local community while learning about Keweenaw National Historical Park, local history, community organizations, and volunteerism.

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Welcome to
the Beautiful



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Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park
"What an awesome park! We hiked to great views, walked along streams, survived a thunderstorm, and enjoyed incredible sunsets. It was my first time camping and I'm ready to go back!" – Anthony, Zack, Rosalyn

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Chutes and Ladders
"The best playground ever!" – Kayla

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Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'ding Pow-Wow
"We learned from Darrell, a cultural teacher, about the culture of the Anishnaabe. He talked about how everything has a spirit." – Anthony

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Chassell Strawberry Festival
"Helping to make the strawberry shortcake was fun but eating it was better." – Summer

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Eagle Harbor Lighthouse
"I like how all of the items were donated." – Kaylin

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North Country Trail
"Mine ruins can be seen along the trail and there are great views." – Evan

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Estivant Pines
"When we entered, it was like we were entering an enchanted forest." – Kayla

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Black Creek Trail
"I like this hike because there were a lot of mint berries and things you can eat on this trail. Just make sure you know it's safe to eat!" – Evan

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Quincy Mine
"The world's slowest roller coaster!" – Anthony

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Brockway Mountain Drive
"I like that you could see the colonies of trees from up there. The view was awesome!" – Kayla

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Adventure Mine
"I was nervous because I don't like dark tunnels but after being inside, this place was awesome!" – Summer

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Bishop Baraga
"The statue is impressive to stand under and one feels pretty small." – Jacinda



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Fort Wilkins Historic State Park
"My favorite part was the people in costume." – Anthony



Adventures!

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Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

Michigan's largest state park, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park has something for everyone. Miles of backcountry hiking trails, sandy beaches, waterfalls, and stunning views. Lake of the Clouds has a fully accessible trail leading to a scenic overlook. The park is also a great place to go fishing or just enjoy quiet time and skipping rocks along Lake Superior.



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North Country Trail

The North Country Trail is America's longest National Scenic Trail stretching 4,600 miles from New York to North Dakota.



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Adventure Mine

The Adventure Mine operated from 1850 to 1920. Today the former mine is privately owned and tour guides provide a variety of adventurous underground mine tours. There are also hiking and bike trails that go through surface ruins.



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Chutes and Ladders

People of all ages enjoy the large playground that brings the board game Chutes and Ladders to life. Located along the Houghton waterfront, this park is open to all and free of charge. The park has picnic tables and grills in the shade, swings, a small stream, and two small sandy beaches perfect for swimming.



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Estivant Pines

Estivant Pines is a grove of white pine trees, some as old as 600 years old. It is a living museum, a monument of old growth trees. A dense forest encloses you in as you traverse paths where pines are set against the sky on ridges above you.



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Bishop Baraga

Frederick Baraga left his home in Slovenia in 1830 for the Catholic missions of the Upper Great Lakes. He founded five missions along the south shore of Lake Superior, including one near his namesake community. In 1853 he was elevated to Bishop, becoming the first Bishop in Upper Michigan. The Baraga shrine site has incredible views of Lake Superior and a fun hillside to get out and stretch your legs.



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Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'ding Pow-Wow

Since 1979, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has hosted a Pow Wow that is open to all. The main event is a celebration of drummers, singers, and dancers. Powwows bring people together to renew old friendships and make new ones. Pow Wows express the rich cultural traditions of American Indian nations.



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Black Creek Trail

A small footpath marks the entrance to Black Creek near the end of Sedar Bay Road between Calumet and Allouez. The trail takes you to 1300 feet of Lake Superior shoreline. View beaver marshes, dune habitats and conifers along the trail that winds its way through this 242 acre sanctuary, which is especially rich in wildlife and scenic beauty.



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Chassell Strawberry Festival

The Chassell Strawberry Festival began in 1949 as a means of celebrating the success of the strawberry industry in the Copper Country. Today the festival continues that tradition and includes such activities as parades, horse drawn wagon rides, artist booths, strawberry shortcake sampling, and the annual crowning of the Strawberry Queen.



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Quincy Mine

The Quincy Mine Hoist Association preserves and interprets the history, landscapes, buildings, and industrial work experiences of the Quincy Mining Company. Ride a cog train down a steep hill, tour an underground mine, and walk through former mine ruins.



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Eagle Harbor Lighthouse

Industrial copper mining started on the Keweenaw Peninsula in the 1840s. Lake Superior's unreliable weather meant that passing ships needed navigational assistance, and in 1851 the original Eagle Harbor lighthouse was built. Today, you can walk up the spiral stair case in the lighthouse, visit a commercial fishing museum, and watch for freighters from the observation deck.



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Brockway Mountain Drive

The 9 1/2 mile seasonal drive is the highest above-sea-level-drive between the Rocky and Allegheny Mountains. From atop Brockway Mountain, beautiful views of Lake Superior can be found in any direction. Brockway Mountain Drive is a gateway to numerous trails and it is one of the area's best places for birding.



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Fort Wilkins Historic State Park

Fort Wilkins Historic State Park offers a variety of outdoor facilities and features. Be sure to see the restored 1844 army military outpost and the 1866 lighthouse, one of the first, built on Lake Superior. Living history interpreters help the fort come to life on a daily basis each summer.

